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SUBJECT: ISRAELI RAIDS ON LEBANON

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CALLED ISRAELI AMB DINITZ JUNE 21 AND INFORMED AMB DINITZ THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY ATHERTON WISHED DINITZ TO INFORM JERUSALEM THAT THOUGH WE ARE SYMPATHETIC ON PROBLEM OF TERRORISM WHICH ISRAEL FACES, WE DO NOT SEE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ISRAELI ACTIONS AGAINST LEBANON OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. MOREOVER, THESE ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT EXPLANATION OR INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED TO US WHEN IT IS WE WHO MUST BEAR THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES.

2. DINITZ SAID THAT HE WILL PASS THIS MESSAGE TO JERUSALEM BUT THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE SOME COMMENT. DINITZ SAID THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS DO NOT

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REFLECT ANY NEW ISRAELI POLICY, AND CERTAINLY ARE NOT THE

RESULT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT OR THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS THE PRESS IS SPECULATING. DINITZ SAID IT HAS BEEN ISRAELI POLICY TO HIT TERRORIST BASES WHENEVER THEY CAN BE LOCATED. SINCE THE INCIDENT AT SHAMIR ISRAEL HAS HAD INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH BASES AND IT HAS BEEN HITTING BASES, AS CAN BE SEEN IN NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JUNE 21. DINITZ SAID IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE TERRORISTS PLACE THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND BASES AMONG REFUGEES. ISRAEL TRIES TO AVOID CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AS MUCH AS IT CAN AND TO LIMIT ITS ATTACKS TO TERRORIST LOCATIONS. DINITZ ADDED THAT DURING THE SECRETARY'S LAST VISIT TO THE AREA AND DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE SECRETARY AND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO HIT HARD AT TERRORIST SITES IN LEBANON WHICH HAVE BECOME DANGEROUS FOR ISRAEL. DINITZ STRESSED THAT ISRAEL HAS NO DESIRE OR INTENTION TO EMBARRASS EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY.

3. ATHERTON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ISRAELI INTENTIONS ARE NOT TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY BUT THE POLITICAL FACTS ARE THE REALITIES OF THE DAILY RAIDS AND THE PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ATHERTON ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE USEFUL FOR ISRAEL TO STOP AND ASK WHETHER THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE RAIDS ARE THOSE DESIRED AND ARE THEY WORTH THE POLITICAL COSTS. DINITZ REPLIED THAT THE MILITARY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN RECENT DAYS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY AND THOUGH SUCH ACTIONS DO NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL THEY USUALLY RESULT IN A RESPITE OF A FEW MONTHS. POLITICALLY, OF COURSE, THE U.S. AND ISRAEL MUST HANDLE THE SITUATION TOGETHER WITHOUT DOING INJURY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP. DINITZ SAID HE WOULD PASS JERUSALEM'S REACTION TO ATHERTON WHEN IT IS RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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